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NODIS CHEROKEE

FOR THE SECRETARY FROM AMBASSADOR

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TAGS: PFOR, US, IS/ XF

SUBJECT: MIDDLE EAST NEGOTIATIONS

REF: STATE 170107 AND 170904

1. I SAW ALLON LAST NIGHT , BUT OUR TIME WAS BRIEFER THAN ANTICIPATED SINCE HE WITH OTHER MEMBERS OF NEGOTIATING TEAM WERE SCHEDULED TO BRIEF CABINET IN EVENING SESSION ON YOUR RECENT TALKS WITH DINITZ. . DID HOWEVER HAVE AN OPPORTUNITY TO DISCUSS BOTH UNEF CRISIS AND HAWKS FLAP ALONG LINES YOUR HELPFUL MESSAGE. ON UNEF ALLON ASSURED ME THAT ISRAELIS WOULD CONTINUE SHOW RESTRAINT, WOULD NOT LINK EGYPTIAN ACTION WITH INTERIM AGREEMENT , AND THIS BORNE OUT BY THIS MORNING'S PRESS WHICH REPORTED ALLON STATEMENT TO CABINET THAT ISRAEL WOULD PURSUE NEGOTIATIONS WITHOUT REGARD FOR PROBLEMS POSED BY MANDATE RENEWAL. ON HAWKS, ALLON NATURALLY REMAINED SKEPTICAL ON WISDOM OF OUR ACTION BUT SEEMED IMPRESSED WITH ARGUMENT THAT FROM ISRAELI POINT OF VIEW IT IS BETTER TO HAVE JORDAN DEPENDENT ON U.S. AS ARMS SUPPLIER THAN SOVIETS.

2. ALLON EXPLAINED THAT CABINET SESSION SCHEDULED FOR 10:00 P.M. LOCAL WAS FOR PURPOSE OF NEGOTIATING TEAM PRESENTING FOR FIRST TIME TO FULL CABINET ALL DETAILS, INCLUDING MAP OF CURRENT ISRAELI PROPOSALS, RE NEGOTIATIONS

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WITH EGYPT. HE NOTED THAT FORMAL CABINET APPROVAL OF

PROPOSALS WAS REQUIRED AT THIS POINT AND PRIOR TO
PRESENTATION OF ISRAELI PROPOSALS TO SADAT BY EILTS ON
MORNING OF JULY 21. LATE EVENING TIME WAS DESIGNED,
HOPEFULLY, TO AVOID INEVITABLE LEAKS APPEARING IN MORNING
PRESS, EVEN BEFORE EILTS MET WITH SADAT.
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